

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A constant velocity joint in the form of counter-track joint ~~having the following characteristics comprising:~~

[[ - ]] an outer joint part ~~(12) which comprises~~ comprising a first longitudinal axis ( $L_A$ ) as well as an attaching end and an aperture end which are positioned axially opposite one another, and ~~which comprises~~ first outer ball tracks ~~(22)~~ and second outer ball tracks ~~(24)~~; <sub>i</sub>

[[ - ]] an inner joint part ~~(13) which comprises~~ comprising a second longitudinal axis ( $L_i$ ) and an attaching ~~means~~ mechanism for a shaft ~~(17)~~ pointing towards the aperture end of the outer joint part ~~(12)~~, and ~~which comprises~~ first inner ball tracks ~~(23)~~ and second inner ball tracks ~~(25)~~, wherein [[ - ]] the first outer ball tracks ~~(22)~~ and the first inner ball tracks ~~(23)~~ form first pairs of tracks ~~(22, 23)~~ which receive first balls ~~(14)~~, and [[ - ]] the second outer ball tracks ~~(24)~~ and the second inner ball tracks ~~(25)~~ form second pairs of tracks ~~(24, 25)~~ which receive second balls ~~(15)~~; and

[[ - ]] a ball cage ~~(28)~~ is positioned between the outer joint part ~~(12)~~ and the inner joint part ~~(13)~~ and ~~comprises~~ comprising circumferentially distributed first cage windows ~~(18)~~ each accommodating one of the first balls ~~(14)~~ and second circumferentially distributed cage windows ~~(19)~~ each accommodating one of the second balls ~~(15)~~,

[[ - ]] wherein, when the joint is in the aligned condition, the first pairs of tracks ~~(22, 23)~~ widen from the aperture end to the attaching end and, when the joint is in the aligned condition, the second pairs of tracks ~~(24, 25)~~ widen from the attaching end to the aperture end, and

[[ - ]] wherein the circumferential length ( $L_1$ ) of the first cage windows ~~(18)~~ for the balls ~~(14)~~ in the first pairs of tracks ~~(22, 23)~~ is greater than the circumferential length ( $L_2$ ) of the second cage windows ~~(19)~~ for the second balls ~~(15)~~ in the second pairs of tracks ~~(24, 25)~~.

2.-7. (cancelled)